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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA - SECOND COMMITTEE: ITEM 58(F) - OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT, UNICEF

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1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION L.1443 ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD (IYC).
THE ULTIMATE PARAGRAPH WHICH CONTAINS THE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE
IS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM ECOSOC RES 1962 (LIX) WHICH WAS
ADOPTED IN JULY, 1975 AND WHICH THE U.S. DEL WENT ALONG
WITH, EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS.

2. THE REFERENCED POSITION PAPER SETS FORTH ALTERNATIVE
U.S. POSITIONS ON A RESOLUTION ON THE IYC. WE BELIEVE
THIS INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE REVIEWED, GIVEN:
A) THE U.S. POSITION AT THE 59TH ECOSOC; AND
B) THE DIFFICULTY OF OPPOSING THE REQUEST.

3. AT THE 59TH ECOSOC THE SPONSORS AND FLOOR
MANAGERS OF RESOLUTION 1962 WERE MODERATE DEVELOPING
COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES, SUCH AS COLOMBIA AND THE
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PHILIPPINES. THE WERE SUPPORTED BY ANUMBER OF

DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MOST SPECIFICALLY THE BELGIANS. THIS COALITION OF FORCES MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE RESOLUTION.

4. THE SAME GROUP OF COUNTRIES ARE BANDING TOGETHER IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE. SO FAR THE CO-SPONSORS LIST IS AS FOLLOWS: BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUINEA, NEPAL, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, TURKEY AND URUGUAY. ONCE AGAIN, THEREFORE, THE MODERATES ARE COALESCING ON THIS INITIATIVE.

5. USUN RECOMMENDS SPECIFICALLY THAT FOLLOWING ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS OF THE RESOLUTION, THE U.S. DELEGATE MAKE A STATEMENT CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) WE HAVE RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESOLUTION;(B) WE FEAR THAT NAY FINANCIAL RESOURCES USED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD MIGHT WELL BE FUNDS THAT WOULD UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES BE AVAILABLE TO UNICEF FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES; (C) THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD WILL TAKE PLACE SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL HAVE THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT REQUESTED IN THE SOLE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE RESOLUTION.

QUOTE: A/C.2/L.1443

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT: UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUINEA, NEPAL, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, TURKEY AND URUGUAY: DRAFT RESOLUTION

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

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TAKING NOTE OF THE VIEWS CONCERNING AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD CONTAINED IN CHAPTER VII OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND, 1/ AND THE DOCUMENTS MENTIONED THEREIN,

RECOGNIZING THAT, IN ADDITION TO VARIOUS TYPES OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, RAPID EXPANSION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT OF BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO

HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE CHRONIC POVERTY AND WANT AFFLICTING
CHILDREN IN MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

CONCERNED FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN,
FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR THEIR LEGAL AND CULTURAL
IDENTITY,

CONVINCED THAT MUCH GREATER AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN
WOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE
EFFORTS BEING MADE TO MEET THEIR NEEDS,

LIKEWISE CONVINCED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD,
IF ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR, SUPPORTED AND FINANCED BY GOVERNMENTS
AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
MIGHT HELP TO STRENGTHEN THAT AWARENESS AND LEAD TO THE
ADOPTION OF SUITABLE MEASURES,

ENDORSES ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1962
(XLIX) REQUESTING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CO-OPERATION
WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED IN THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM AND WITH INTERESTED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST
SESSION, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS
SIXTH-FIRST SESSION, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT
SUPPORT IF SUCH A YEAR IS TO BE PRODUCTIVE, A REPORT ON
MEASURES AND MODALITIES FOR ENSURING THE ADEQUATE PREPARATION,
SUPPORT AND FINANCING OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
CHILD, TO BE PREFERABLY THE YEAR 1979, TO COINCIDE
WITH THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION
OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

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